

Livable Communities Act 2017 Fund Distribution Plan



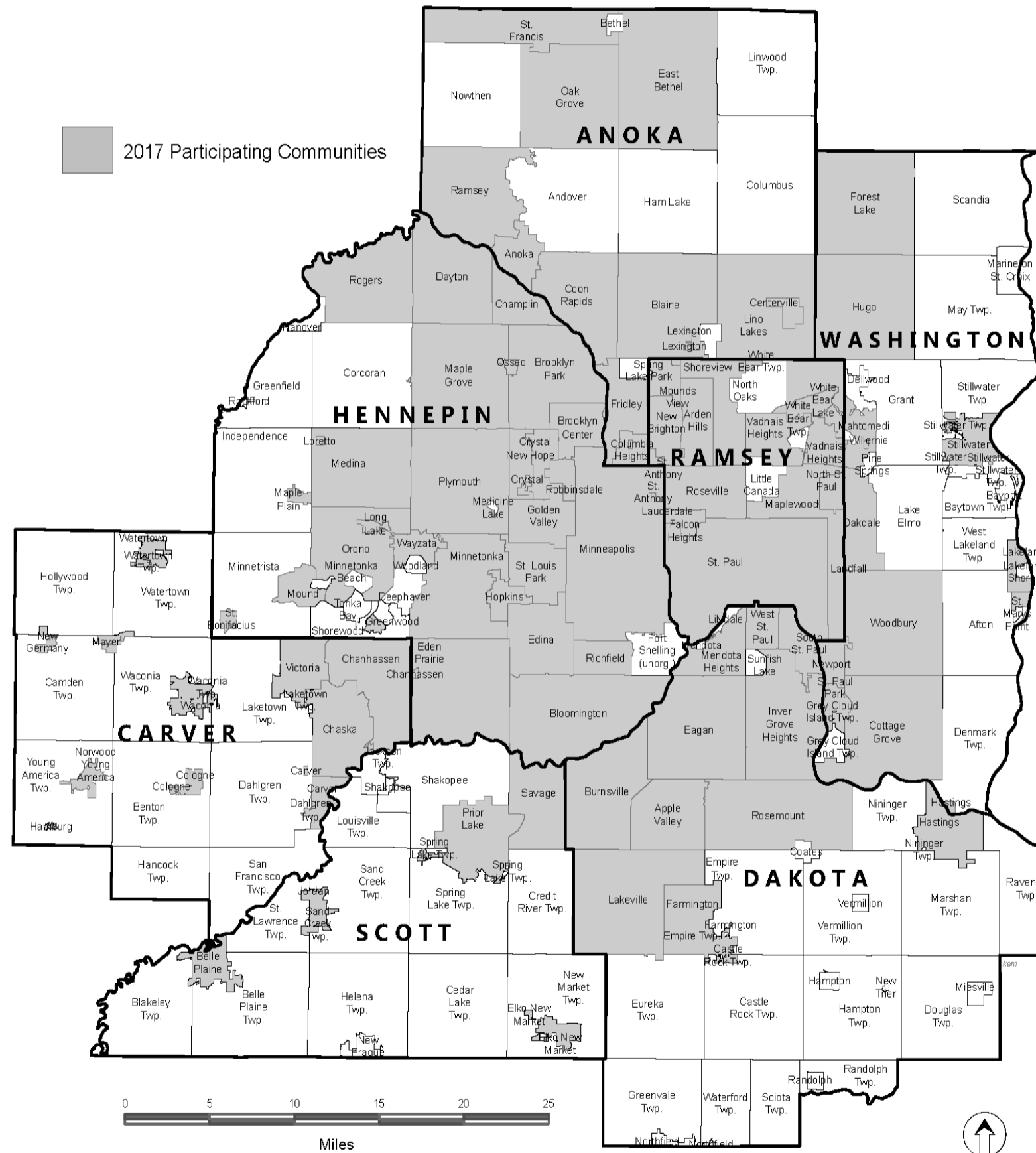
2017 Annual Livable Communities Fund Distribution Plan

- Minnesota Statutes 473.25 (d)
- “The council shall prepare an annual plan for distribution of the fund based on the criteria for project and applicant selection

Metropolitan Livable Communities Act (MS 473.25)

- Three active accounts
 - Tax Base Revitalization Account (TBRA)
 - Livable Communities Demonstration Account (LCDA)
 - Local Housing Incentive Account (LHIA)
- Separate Category of LCDA & TBRA for Transit Oriented Development (TOD)

Cities Participating in the Livable Communities Program, 2017



2017 LCA Work Group

Work group of Council Members and 10 community representatives from Metro Cities

- Discussed six issues
 - TBRA Pilot grants
 - TBRA Site Investigation grants
 - Land Acquisition costs for LCDA & LCDA TOD
 - Land Acquisition holding costs for LCDA & LCDA TOD
 - LCDA TOD Pre-Development grants
 - LCDA & LCDA TOD award limits

TBRA Pilot (Cleanup in ACPs)

Recommendation:

- Continue, with the following criteria
 - Allow funding potential future housing, as well as commercial / industrial (uses accepted now)
 - Limit to investigation and asbestos or lead-based paint abatement (not site cleanup)
 - Expand geographic area where funding could be used, to within 100 feet of current or former ACP
 - 25% match
 - Change the name to TBRA Seeding Environmental Economic Development (TBRA SEED)

TBRA Area-Wide Investigation

Recommendation:

- Go back to single-site investigation approach

LCDA/LCDA TOD Site Acquisition

Recommendation:

- To continue, but with staff research on potential limits for some circumstances for next year

LCDA/LCDA TOD Holding Costs

Recommendation:

- To continue, but with continued staff evaluation

LCDA TOD Pre-Development

Recommendation:

- To continue as is, but with continued staff research into potential for rolling applications in future years

LCDA/LCDA TOD Award Limits

Recommendation:

- To continue, with no change

Other Changes

Recommendation:

- Add willingness to accept Housing Choice Vouchers as a scoring factor for housing projects
- Update definition of “Transit Oriented Development to be consistent with the Council’s *2040 Transportation Policy Plan*”
- Refine the definition of “Placemaking”

2017 LCA Funding Amounts

Fund	Amount	Comment
TBRA regular program	\$5 M	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2 rounds, including \$250,000 for site investigation
TBRA SEED (formerly Pilot)	\$1 M	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2 rounds
LCDA regular program	\$7.5 M	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 round
LHIA	\$2.5 M	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 round, with MN Housing RFP
LCDA-TOD	\$5 M	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 round for LCDA-TOD development 2 rounds including \$500,000 for LCDA-TOD pre-development
TBRA-TOD	\$2 M	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 round, both cleanup & investigation
Total	\$22,960,700	

2017 LCA Calendar

	Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter
TBRA	Apps due Round #1	Awards Round #1	Apps due Round #2	Awards Round #2
TOD Pre-Dev	Apps due Round #1	Awards Round #1	Apps due Round #2	Awards Round #2
LHIA		Apps due	Award	
LCDA	Project Concept Plans due Design Team Review	Apps due		Award
TOD (both LCDA and TBRA)	Project Concept Plans due Design Team Review	Apps due		Award

Proposed Action

- That the Metropolitan Council Approve the 2017 Annual Livable Communities Fund Distribution Plan

Metropolitan Council Livable Communities Act

